

before the court, there is no evidence of substandard attorney services, and the amount of the award is not extraordinarily large in comparison to the amount of time Counsel spent on the case. (*See* ECF Nos. 22, 22-1, 22-3, 22-4.)

In accordance with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), EAJA fees awarded by this court belong to the litigant and are subject to the Treasury Offset Program, 31 U.S.C. § 3716 (2006). Therefore, the court directs that the fees be payable to Plaintiff and delivered to Counsel. The amount of attorney's fees payable to Counsel will be the balance of attorney's fees remaining after subtracting the amount of Plaintiff's outstanding federal debt. *See* 31 U.S.C. § 3716. If Plaintiff's outstanding federal debt exceeds the amount of attorney's fees, the amount of attorney's fees will be used to offset Plaintiff's federal debt and no attorney's fees shall be paid. (ECF No. 24 at 1-2.)

The court **GRANTS** Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees (ECF No. 22) and awards Plaintiff \$2,922.59 in attorney's fees, \$400.00 in costs, and \$21.15 in expenses.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Handwritten signature of J. Michelle Childs in black ink.

United States District Judge

January 31, 2022
Columbia, South Carolina